

**Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
December 27, 2021**

Call to Order: President Brust called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. Present were trustees Matthew Mariani, Pat Dumoulin, Linda Wallace, and Judith Pokorny. Trustee Karen Williams was absent. Also present were interim Executive Director Stephen Bero, Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman, Peter Baroud, Christina Luzwick, Christine Klein, and Kim Alberth.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Brust led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 pm.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments – Public/Media: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Mariani to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 22, 2021. Both sets of minutes were approved by consensus.

Executive Session: Motion Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Mariani to enter into executive session at 7:06 pm to discuss 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Consideration of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Dumoulin, Wallace, Pokorny, and Mariani
Nays: None

Board returned to regular meeting at 8:33 pm.

Action as a Result of Executive Session: None

Treasurer's Report:

A. Approval of Bills - Motion by Trustee Mariani and second by Trustee Wallace to approve bills to be paid on December 27, 2021, in the amount of \$47,996.20.

Ayes: Trustees Dumoulin, Wallace, Brust, Mariani, and Pokorny
Nays: None

B. Financial Report - Board reviewed the monthly Financial Report dated December 21, 2021, prepared by J. Scott Chilton, CPA. President Brust acknowledged receipt of bound copies of the Audited Financial Statement for fiscal year ended June 2021, from Tighe, Kress, and Orr, P.C.

Director's Report: Interim Executive Director Bero informed the Board that the new adult computers and monitors had been installed while the youth computers are scheduled to be installed in January. Large book trucks are on back order and the old wooden trucks will be advertised on the RAILS Website. The new bookdrop was installed at the Cambridge Lakes Community Center. Director Bero called the Board's attention to circulation and program statistics.

President's Report: None

Unfinished Business:

A. Motion by Trustee Mariani and second by Trustee Wallace to transfer money from General Fund to Special Reserve Money Market Account – The amount of money to be transferred will be decided in January when two C.D.'s are eligible for renewal. Approved by voice vote.

New Business:

A. Per Capital Grant Application 2022 - Executive Director Bero directed the Board's attention to the copy of the 2022 application he included in the Board Packet each Trustee received prior to this meeting. It is essentially the same as the application submitted last year but with appropriate up-dates.

B. Executive Session Minutes Committee - President Brust appointed Trustee Williams and Trustee Dumoulin volunteered to serve on this committee which convenes twice a year to review the minutes of executive sessions to determine whether to open them up to the public or to keep them closed.

Executive Session: Motion Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Mariani to enter executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Consideration of the performance and compensation of a specific employee.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Pokorny, Mariani, Dumoulin, and Wallace

Nays: None

Board returned to regular meeting at 9:18 pm.

Action as a Result of Executive Session: Motion Trustee Mariani and second by Trustee Wallace to cancel the contract with Dieters and Todd Library Consultants but to pay them balance owed in order to extend the Board's Independent Contractor Agreement with interim Executive Director Bero until September 15, 2022.

Ayes: Trustees Mariani, Pokorny, Brust, Wallace, and Dumoulin

Nays: None

Discussion: Trustee Dumoulin suggested a holiday gathering at her residence in early January.

Adjournment: President Brust adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pokorny
Recording Secretary